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MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

1976 LOG

MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

Our class of 1976 is a very special class. We have lived through the construction of our new high school and we have grown along with it. After five years of double sessions and sharing a school with the Junior High we now have a school built to accommodate us. We are the first graduating class of this new school. At last we have found a place of our own.



DOUBLE SESSIONS WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR:

Staging a walk-out in ninth grade.
Eating food during study.
Fighting our way out at noon through the surging Junior High tide.
Meeting for activities at strange places during awkward times.
Going to school on snow days when the Junior High didn't.
Leaving school early to prevent parking lot jams.
Living through LONG periods on Wednesdays.
Not having D block on Tuesday . . . Not having C
block on Friday . . . Not having E block on Thursday.
Sleeping in gym, in math, in work study
or on the bus; it didn't really matter where.
And having a whole afternoon to play.



The new Resource Center provides a pleasant atmosphere for study.



"Where Am I?"

Susan Mugherini takes advantage of the comforts of the new school.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR:

Having to follow a map for the first few days of school.
Living through a six-day school week.
Waiting in 10 mile lines for a 5¢ milk.
Selling nylons in the school store.
And getting out at 2:30 with the grammar schools.

Our Senior year is a busy one filled with homework, jobs, and decisions. Important to us too are the worldly things — a first vote in a presidential election, a possible trip to the Olympics, and the 200th Anniversary of our country. Yet none of these will be as important as the time we've spent together.



Nancy Kiley takes a short break from trigonometry.



Resource Center provides a quiet place to get together...



Mike Mahoney finds good things in dark corners.





Students find out-of-the-way places to study.



The Class of 1976 gathers in the new cafetorium for opening day exercises . . . September 10, 1975.

NAVIDAD

Hey Kid,
What can I say?
The good times were many:
concerts, trying our hardest to find
a good party on a weekend night, going to the Prom, licenses
together — making those costumes for Halloween and getting our driver's licenses
forget but it's the Senior Life that we will always remember. Especially since we are the first Seniors
in the place of our own.

Always Remember
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SENIOR LIFE

A Visitor From The Senate

On Tuesday, November 25, 1975, we enjoyed the distinction of having Senator Edward M. Kennedy come to visit us. The three upper classes jammed into the Daffinee Gym to see the Senator, followed by his secret service men. The applause became heavy at his prediction that the football team would defeat Wakefield High in the annual Thanksgiving Day game. During his visit, students presented him with three gifts: a handmade bowl, an M.H.S. diploma and a Melrose '76 shirt. For the next ten minutes he spoke to the students, urging them to play an active role in their government as their counterparts in the 1960's had, and cautioning them not to be disillusioned by the events of Watergate. He hoped that students would help solve the major problems confronting the nation and the world. After speaking, he asked the audience questions involving opinions on the economy, drugs and the upcoming Presidential election. He then answered prepared questions. As his visit came to a close, the band played a final song and the Senator left with a smile and a wave.



Senator Kennedy stresses student involvement in community affairs.



"How many of you think that the use of pot has increased?"

"I was wondering what I was going to wear to the Senate tomorrow."



Going out with groups of our friends or that one special friend is a big part of Senior Life. As we look back the most memorable times will be the humorous, sometimes embarrassing experiences that are typical of going out.

It was the night of the party and she was waiting for her friends to come pick her up. A car stopped in front of her house and started beeping. Almost automatically she ran out and jumped into the car only to discover that the driver was the boyfriend of the girl across the street. She was definitely in the wrong car.

They were at the Junior Prom. He looked so handsome in his white tuxedo and she looked stunning in her gown. Her face turned red when she reached for her water glass and dropped her dessert of strawberries and whipped cream all over his tux.

He had been desperately trying to take this certain girl out for the entire school year. Finally she agreed to go out with him the next night. Since she was so special he decided to take her to an extremely expensive restaurant where they were seemingly having a great time. He told her she could have whatever she wanted for dinner, and impressed on her that money was no problem. When he reached for his wallet, an unexpected problem — no money. The evening ended with dad coming to the rescue and a good deal of embarrassment.

Going to the movies was the usual date for them. At intermission he left to get some popcorn and drinks but because there was such a long line in front of the counter he returned to the movie after the lights had been turned off. When he returned to his seat she was sitting with her arms around some other guy. After making his presence known to the couple she jumped up, realizing that she had become so involved in the movie that she hadn't seen that the boy next to her was the wrong one.

Of course there was the time that the boys got together and went looking for their friends and their dates at Spot Pond. They thought they were funny when they turned on the car's high beams, beeped the horn, and yelled, "Where's my daughter?" They never saw so many people jump so fast in all their lives.

"You Are The Sunshine Of My Life"



Karen Lamattina and John Morrello

Our Junior Prom, held at Casa de Fior on April 11, 1975, provides fond memories for all who attended. The evening began with a special dinner. Then tuxedos and gowns sprang to life on the crowded dance floor which seemed to sway with the music of the band. After people left the hall they dispersed for the various parties around the city. The entire night was probably the most expensive of the year but, in truth, it was worth the money.



Luanne Witkowski and Mark McSweeney



Ellen Joy and Jimmy Sarni



Jill Maserian and Chuck Tryder



Jeanmarie Savage and escort clear the floor.

"Are The Stars Out Tonight?"

A full moon and snow-covered ground made a beautiful setting for the 1976 Winter Ball held on January 16th. In contrast to the outside setting, inside was anything but calm. Couples "bumped" and "hustled" to the fast-beat music of the T.F.B. Band. The first semi-formal of the year was a memorable occasion for everyone.



Taking a breather after some heavy dancing.



Birds-eye view of the dance floor.

Halloween Party

"Who is that under there?" . . . "Hey, look at the two birds!" . . . "She looks like she is really dead." . . . were some of the comments made at the 1975 annual Halloween Party. On Thursday, October 30, at 7:00 P.M., over one hundred costumed seniors marched into the cafetorium awaiting feasts and fun arranged by the Senior Class Officers. Bees, nuns, clowns, babies, Jack and Jill, Spanky and the Gang, and many more creatively dressed individuals got a turn to participate in games such as donut eating, relay races, pie eating contests, and bobbing for apples. To complete the night, everyone joined in a costume parade judged by the chaperons. The results: Most Beautiful — Bruce Wenner, the good-looking woman; Funniest — Jack Murphy, the frogman; Scariest — Corinne Morris, the vampire; Most Original — Nancy Kiley, the doughgirl; also Most Original — Joan Corcoran and Jane Lickly, the Charmin; Best Couple — Patty Berhle and Kathy Berube, the Marx Brothers; and Best All Around — Susan Morello, the brilliantly colored clown.

Diane Mallon and Kim Kapelos really get into the pie eating contest.

Bruce Wenner modeling his new ensemble.



Corinne Morris beams with happiness after having been announced winner for scariest costume.



Heartily participating in the donut eating contest is Kim Thistle.

After wading through the crowd Steve Donovan drops his beak.



NAMES AND FACES

There are many special activities and awards that we have taken advantage of outside of school. Since our abilities and interests are so varied, the range of activities is also extremely varied. Our class is comprised of some very exciting people whose names and faces add new dimensions to our school. The reporting of their accomplishments gives a new prospective to our endless achievements.

During the past year PATRICA DUFFY has been a member of the Jordan Marsh Creative Fashion Council Board. She is one of sixteen girls in the Boston area who are members of this Board. Through Mrs. Bloom in the Occupational Education department, Patricia obtained an application for this position. Then she attended a personal interview and submitted an outfit that she herself had made. The Board attends monthly meetings and participates in fashion shows where the girls model clothes that they have made themselves. Their terms end in May with a fashion contest that sends the winner to New York city for three days. Patricia also participated in the national contest called "Make It Yourself With Wool" in which she won the second runner-up.

Almost everyone during either their Junior or Senior year comes to school one Saturday morning to take either the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test or the SAT's given by the C.E.E.B.. They are comprised of both Math and English and require about three hours to complete. Approximately six weeks after taking the SAT's the results come directly to your home in the mail. Opening the envelope and seeing your results can be a very traumatic experience, but for some students, like JANICE DUFFY and CHARLES CROCETTI, it can be very rewarding. Both Janice and Charles have been semifinalists in the 1976 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among the highest scoring students in Massachusetts and are considered in the top half of the nation's most academically talented people. The decision for finalists is released in April and then those finalists who meet the qualifications will be considered for four-year Merit Scholarship.

RICHARD PIDGEON and JOHN BLACKWOOD toured the countries of Holland, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and Austria with the United States Collegiate Band. They were selected from students in forty-five states, District of Columbia. Band leader Frank DiGiacomo submitted applications for them to the U.S. High School Band Honors. The tour lasted for three unforgettable weeks.



John Blackwood

Both JOHN MURPHY and DEBBIE RICE have been sailing for more than eight years and love it. Separately they can display shelves of trophies and awards for the many races that they have won. For the upcoming sailing season which begins in May, Debbie and John plan to team for the School Sailing States Regatta which hopefully will add to their winnings.

Being a Senior is an expensive proposition but for JOHN SHINAY there is no need to worry. On November 17, 1975, in the Yankee Doodle Instant Game, John won \$1,776 a month for an entire year. This made him eligible to become a contestant on the Big Money Game Show. His winnings did not increase after competing on the show but John can't complain. The money he won he plans to put toward his college education.

On the night of December 21, 1975 LINDA MACLACHLAN had a very frightening experience. What began as a simple Christmas party at her family's summer home ended as a night she will always remember. One of her guests noticed two people on the beach and, as it was extremely cold and rather late, they realized that something was wrong. They went out to the two people who said they had come from a boat which had just capsized. Linda and her friends brought them into the house and then went searching for the other people. Originally, there had been six people traveling on the boat but only three survived. Linda said that as a result of her experience she now realizes the importance of life.



Senior Awards



Sally Hoague — Most Athletic Girl



Beth Holmes — Most Sophisticated



Bruce Wenner — Most Versatile Boy



Frank LoPilato — Class
Ladies' Man



Jill Maserian — Most Sincere



Elaine Toney — Most Respected



Class Artist — Matt Cuneo



Most Philosophical — Beth Rosenzweig



Friendliest Girl — Cheryl Valerio



Class Chatterbox — Cindy Reedy



Most All-Around Girl — Sue Butler



Best Looking Girl — Judy Leahy



Brian Hughes — Most Athletic Boy



Chuck Tryder — Most Respected Boy



David Mongeau — Boy Most Likely To Succeed



Naomi Ham — Hardest Worker



Anita Grassi — Class Genius



Stephen Brissette — Best Natured Boy

Administrators



Claude H. Croston
Principal



Kenneth R. Norris
Vice Principal



Anthony J. LaRosa
Assistant Principal



John W. Walsh
Head Guidance Counselor



Angela Allen
Languages



Richard Allen
Social Studies



Ruthanne Arbeit
Art



Francis Ball
Physical Education



Paul Bean
Physical Education



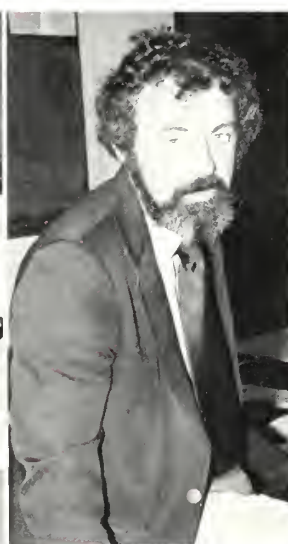
Marilyn Blanchard
Occupational Education



Bertil Bloom
Occupational Education



Dorothy Bloom
Occupational Education



Peter Brown
Social Studies



Donald Mack
Math



Katharine Marsh
Art



Patricia May
English



Robert McIntyre
Math



Robert McLean
Languages



Martha Mead
English



Joseph Messina
Music



Charlene Moran
English



Herman Morrison
Science

Student Government

The Class of '76

In our Junior year we elected the class officers of '76'. Never before had a ballot been so filled with names. It seemed that everybody in our class wanted to be involved in the student government. The results were: Cheryl Valerio — the first female Senior Class President in M.H.S. history; Donald Pearson — Vice President; Debbie Clifford — Treasurer; Cindy Amara — Secretary; and Pam Harrington and Colleen Cathcart — Representatives.

The officers have had a year filled with plans. In the opening months of school, the Seniors had a few social activities. During this time they were also preparing for the Prom and our reinstated Class Day. There were many money-making activities, especially in the days before Thanksgiving when lunch periods were filled with the sounds of the "Super Stereo". The Halloween Party, the Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast, and every activity following these has proved successful to all involved.

Colleen Cathcart listens intently to ideas suggested by other officers.



Cindy Amara, Pam Harrington, Advisor Mr. Hughes, Cheryl Valerio, Debbie Clifford, Don Pearson, Advisor Ms. Gallacher, and Colleen Cathcart

CLASS OFFICERS



Class of '77. President: Carl Maccario, Vice President: Susan Reardon, Treasurer: Ellen Hickey, Secretary: Donna Mallon, Representatives: Karen Timmons and Christine Sasso.

1977

"We are going to make a million dollars!"



Class of '78. President: Nancy Eaton, Vice President: Diane Clifford, Treasurer: Kathy Corvino, Secretary: Carole Crowther, Representatives: Joyce Copeland and Tracy Eveleth.

1978

"We do not want our class to be a nothing."



Senior member Sheila Cusolito.

S.A.C.

The S.A.C., the Student Advisory Council to the School Committee, meets with Mr. Croston and Dr. Quinn to discuss student affairs which come under the jurisdiction of the School Committee. Because the S.A.C. must meet during school hours, arranging meetings is difficult; however, much is accomplished during their meetings. The S.A.C. attends School Committee meetings and is the representative group for student opinion. Open to suggestions at any time, this group has tried to express the views of the students clearly and to open up relationships between the student body and the administration. So far, their efforts have been very commendable.



S A C Members. L. Rucci, S. Cusolito, C. Reedy.

Drama Society

The Drama Society is comprised of extremely creative and talented individuals. Through these individuals come some great performances. In the fall, a one act play is presented for both the community and the State Competition. In the spring, the group puts together a three act play which along with the fall presentation helps to finance the Drama Society.

As the year draws to a close, the club travels to Stratford, Connecticut to participate in a Shakespeare Festival and at the final meeting, the officers for the following year are elected. Not only the High School, but the entire Melrose community benefits from the well performed plays put on by the Drama Society.



"Put it right here!"



"Hello down there!"



Row 1: K. Crowley, A. DiMeo, R. Corbett, J. Rice, C. Mouridian, P. Wood, D. Wolfe. Row 2: L. DeAmicis, D. Hearn, M. LePere, N. Trent, J. Butt, T. Vinchesi, D. Dougherty. Row 3: J. MacLaughlin, G. Lubinger, B. Freda, N. DiRienzo, P. Heidkamp, J. Purcell, M. Savage.

The IMPRINT

To expose in order to remedy, to praise in order to support — attacking neither personalities nor institutions but the evils which destroy them."

This year brought new positions, new faces, and new ideas to the IMPRINT. With seniors David Mongeau as Editor-in-chief and Angela Travis as Assistant Editor, the newspaper once again completed a year of successful publications, including the traditional Misprint and Senior Class Will. Carrying the newly-designed masthead, the IMPRINT issues brought news, sports, features, and creative writing to the student body. The controversial highlights of this year's volume include the editorials on the death of the English language and the reprint of an article concerning birth control, the former prompting a response from the English Department Head and the latter establishing the principle of freedom of the press.

Though shuffled around and never given an office to themselves, the IMPRINT staff did not permit their spirits to be blunted. This year, they raised more money than ever before. The haunted presence of Brenda Vacarro overshadows the repeated success of the IMPRINT.



Assistant Editor Angela Travis finalizing copy for one of the paper's editions.



Editor-in-chief David Mongeau finishing an editorial.



Row 1: C. Evans, R. Corbett, D. Mongeau, R. Jacoviello, D. Callahan, T. Matteucci. Row 2: D. Rice, P. Mongeau, L. DiMeo. Row 3: N. Ham, E. Simpson, L. Nodwell, A. Grassi, A. Travis, D. Henken, J. MacIntyre, C. McSweeney, E. Toney.

Pep Club

Despite the late start, the Pep Club was able to continue to encourage spirit throughout the school. By rising above conflicts, the members managed to work together. Under Miss Caffrey's guidance, the club provided buses to away games, decorated the building and sponsored the annual dances and pep rallies.

We got to get this thing organized . . . next week . . . two hours and only thirty-six more posters . . . if she's late . . . I want to make his poster . . . keep the Sophs working . . . Who can draw good? . . . 5 a.m. sunrise . . . I don't believe she spilled the turpentine . . . feedbags . . . How do you spell tackle? . . . Fanny Farmers.



Kathy O'Connell prepares the decorations for the cafe.

A productive Pep Club meeting.



Officers. C. Sasso, A. DiMeo, L. Murphy, D. Mallon, K. O'Connell, K. Corvino, M. Cotter, E. Hickey, G. Clifford



Subscription Staff. Left to Right: A. DiMeo, S. Cusolito, P. Mongeau, K. McNary, T. Maccario, S. Dunn, C. Reedy.



Advertising Staff. Left to Right: K. Kapelos, L. Maclachlan, J. Markham, J. Soccorso, L. Cerretani, E. Joy.



Ms. Waterbury and Rosie Heidkamp.

The Chess Club

After barely missing the play-offs for district championship last year, the Chess Club, or more appropriately called the Chess Team, began practicing for this year's competitions. This year there are more members than ever before on the team including two girls, whose presence is much appreciated.



Tough match against Woburn.



Top. Back row: Wong, M. Murphy, M. Savage, Mr. Morrow, K. Scarborough, J. Henderson, K. Amerault, C. Bowe. Bottom. L. to R.: J. Allen, J. Sweeney, J. Barbur, P. Downey, B. Brown, R. Diamond, A. Mayers.

HONOR SOCIETY



The Honor Society is composed of those Seniors who have attained Honor Roll the last two quarters of both their sophomore and their junior years. Although the Honor Society began slowly, they were able to accomplish a few things. The members were issued passes which allowed them to leave study hall in order to go to the Resource Center or to club meetings. The Honor Society also instituted a tutoring system to help those who needed help in different academic areas.

Jennifer MacIntyre



Row 1: A. Travis, A. Grassi, J. Ford, N. Ham, D. Rice, P. Harrington, B. Rosenzweig, C. Reedy, D. Constantine, M. Ross. Row 2: N. Kiley, J. MacIntyre, M. Alley, L. Wilk, S. Rose, S. Butler, R. Iacoviello, J. Brown, C. Crocetti. Row 3: J. Nasson, J. Duffy, C. Morris, E. Holmes, D. Salza, R. Knowlton, L. DeAmicis, C. Wong. Row 4: E. Toney, N. Putnam, S. Voci, R. Dodge, M. Buonogurio, C. Gargulio, D. Mongeau. Row 5: S. Kelley, S. Brissette, P. Mongeau, J. Corcoran, T. Leach, P. Edmundson, K. Fagan.

The Jazz-Rock Ensemble

Although the ensemble is only three years old, it has grown to be known as one of the top high school stage bands in the state. The group has been called upon to participate in many functions and civic activities this year including performances at the Rotary Club, elementary schools, state jazz festivals and competitions, Senator Kennedy's visit to the high school, assembly programs, Melrose Heritage Day, and Jazz-Rock Night. The Ensemble is directed by Mr. Frank DeGiacomo and includes: Trumpets: Richard Pigeon, Dana Burns, Tom Ledoux, Tom Doyle, Dave Belcher; trombones: Jeff Surette, Mark Metcalfe, Doug Bond, Glenn Olson and Cornell Hooton; saxophones: Chris Atwood, Tom Norton, John Wooldrige, James Capone and John Blackwood; rhythm section: Ann Sybicki, Kori Scarborough, William Ring, Kristin Tallberg, Steve Wolpe and Robert Blasi.



Robert Blasi



Row 1 A Strileckis, C Atwood, J. Capone, J. Woodridge. Row 2: C. Hooton, G. Olson, J. Surette, D. Bond. Row 3: D. Belcher, K Scarborough, T Doyle, A Sybicki, R. Pigeon, D Burns, T Ledoux, S. Wolpe, R. Blasi, W. Ring, Mr. DeGiacomo, K. Tallberg

Orchestra

The Melrose High Orchestra is an active organization. Directed by Mr. Theodore Leutz, the Orchestra has been taught the techniques of group performing. They participated in shows for both the elderly and the children of Melrose. The group played in successful Vespers programs and Spring Concerts. Their music added much to the school productions of "The Sound Of Music", "Oliver" and "Fiddler on the Roof".



Luanne Witkowski



Row 1: S. Mrose, E. Desmond, J. Sullivan, K. Scarborough, C. Scott, L. Witkowski. Row 2: D. Jankov, R. Rudolph, A. Sybicki, N. Putnam, M. Savage, D. Morrissey.

Business Club

The Business Club is affiliated with the Office Education Association. This is an organization sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the State Department of Education to foster programs of interest both educationally and socially, for students involved in Occupational Education.

In cooperation with the Home Economics Department the Business Club students participated as models in a fashion show in January sponsored by the Simplicity Pattern Company.

The Business Club is looking forward to attending an Office Education Association Business Conference to be held at the Ferncroft in Danvers. This is an annual conference attended by high school business students from all sections of the state. The latest in business equipment is shown, and the students are allowed to use the machines; competitions in various subject matter are offered and business career people discuss the opportunities available in the "World of Work".

They are also interested in sponsoring their own educational, social, and moneymaking activities at the high school and, with field trips, to increase their business knowledge and to enjoy new friendships.



Elaine Farrell practices her business skills.



Kneeling R. Giradi, N. Tobey, E. Farrell. Row 2: S. DeFabio, L. Tobey, S. Tobey, D. Griffin, S. Lee, A. Cincotta, E. Cincotta, Advisor Mrs. Moulaison.

Biology Club



Row 1: C. Sasso, J. Newall, A. Grassi, M. Robichaud, C. Johnson, J. Kripp, S. O'Brien, J. Campbell, K. Bertulli, N. Putnam. Row 2: C. Carr, D. Ryan, N. Ham, L. Azevedo, C. Sasso, L. Huber, T. Amarault, Miss Packer, Mrs. Hajec.



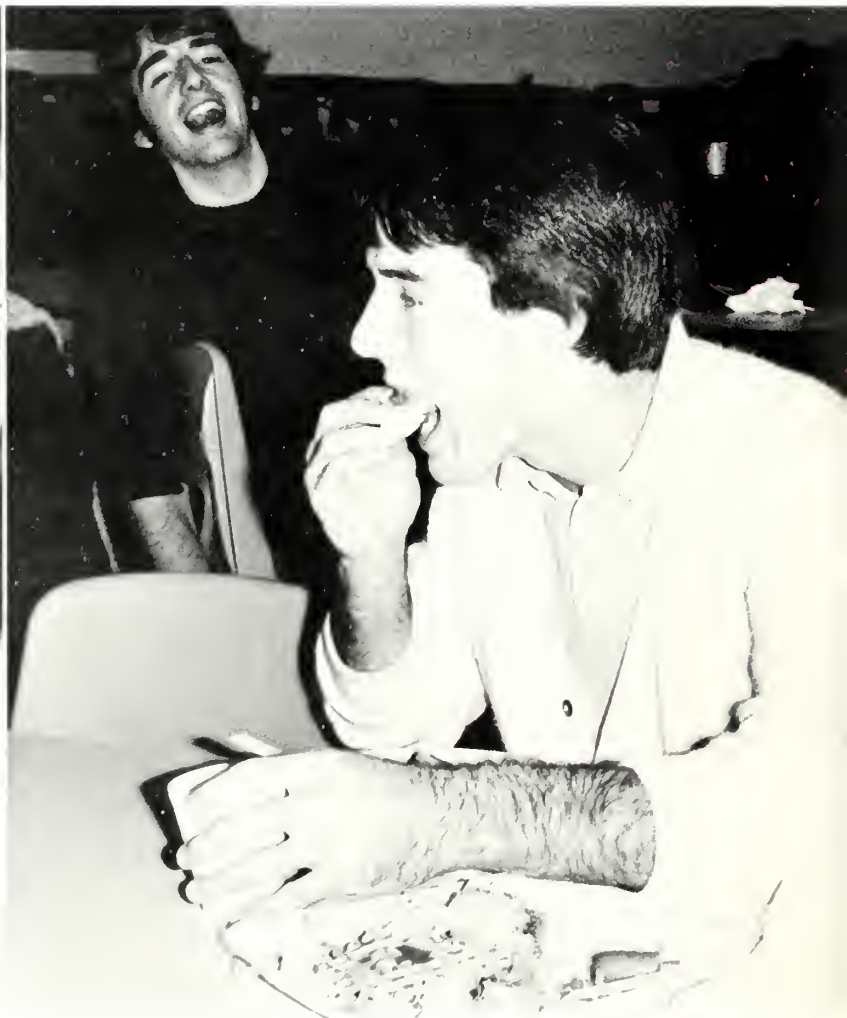
The Biology Club is advised by Mrs. Hajec and Miss Packer. This year the club has sponsored career talks which offer information to students interested in a Science profession. These discussions covered jobs from Horticulture to Lab Technology. There were also lectures at the Science Museum and a spring field trip. The main event this year, as always, is Focus: Outdoors, a science-oriented weekend held in the summer, with speakers and visitors from all over the country. The Club officers are President — Catherine Bersani, Vice President — Donna Browinski, Secretary — Elizabeth Holmes, and Treasurer — Joanne Kripp.

President Cathy Bersani

Red and White Activities



Lori Brown and Scott Ducott dance a traditional German dance at the International Christmas Party.



Mike O'Hara and Bruce Johnson take advantage of the many different kinds of food at the International Christmas Party.



The Folk Music Club

S. Bassett, S. Tobey, S. Carpenter, B. Walker, L. Dodge, A. Prater, C. Dawson, B. Wenner, C. Richardson (Advisor)



Sheldon Carpenter



Lyman Dodge

Ping Pong



Psyched-up for a match



Diane Leary awaits the serve



It hit the net, I tell ya!



John Shinay accepts his championship trophy

Gymnastics: A Super Season



Sitting: S. Hoague, S. Voci, J. Corcoran, L. DiDonato, J. Nasson. Kneeling: D. MacLeod, D. Berhle, S. Corcoran, M. Tambini, J. Nasson, E. Haddock, M. McBride. Standing: Mrs. Taffe, Mr. Taffe.

Four score and a couple of months ago, the Taffes brought forth to this school a new team, conceived in talent, and dedicated to the proposition that all must give 100%. . . . Lori, "My life has been diminished." Sally, "Post our weights?" "SURE!" Jess, "No energy, that's it!" Sue, "Seriously you guys, I hate gymnastics!" Joan, "I'll be here all night!" The 1975-76 Gymnastics Team will long remember weigh-ins, "hide the scale!", Carole King, dancing lesson, a shared gym . . . "Off with your warmups!" . . . "Wait let me confer." . . . Style out . . . "Pizzazzzz" . . . Smile . . . "Don't pull 'em down till you get to the bench." Buns . . . socks that match . . . blotches . . . staying on the beam . . . swinging on the bars . . . sell it!



